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EXAMINING GROUP ART UNIT 1631

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Serial No.: 08/486,070
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For: COMPOSITION EMPLOYING CHEMICALLY
LABELED OLIGONUCLEOTIDE OR POLYNU-
CLEOTIDE, AND ARRAYS CONTAINING A
A COLLECTION OR SET OF SAME

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Examiner: Ardin H. Marschel,
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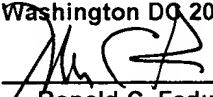
REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME (THREE MONTHS)

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby request an extension of time (3 months) for responding to the Office Action mailed on October 10, 2001 in connection with the above-identified application.

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The Patent and Trademark office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1135 for the requisite fee of \$890.00 for an extension for response within the third month as set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). No other fee is believed due in connection with this extension request. If any other fee or fees are due, however, authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of any such other fee(s) to Deposit Account No. 05-1135 or to charge any overpayment thereto. A DUPLICATE copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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